

**In the Claims:** (strikethrough parts deleted and underlined parts added)

**Please delete Claim 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

a 1. (No Changes) A drywall butt joint system for attachment about a butt joint formed by adjacent drywall sheets, comprising:

a middle section comprised of an elongate structure having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said inner surface is positioned in opposition to said drywall sheets;

a first angled section and a second angled section extending from opposing edges of said middle section at an obtuse angle with respect to said inner surface; and

a first section and a second section extending from said angled sections respectively substantially parallel to said middle section.

2. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 1, wherein said middle section, said angled sections, said first section and said second section are comprised of a solid metal material.

3. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 1, wherein said middle section, said angled sections, said first section and said second section are comprised of a solid plastic material.

4. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 1, including a first support and a second support attached to opposing outer edges of said first section and said second section respectively in a traverse manner.

5. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 1, wherein said middle section has a width of at least six inches.

6. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 1, wherein said angled sections each have a width of at least 0.5 inches.

7. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 4, wherein said supports each have a width of at least 0.5 inches.

8. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 1, wherein said first section and said second section are positioned a traverse distance of at least 0.5 inches.

9. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 1, wherein said middle section has a rectangular structure.

10. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 1, wherein said obtuse angle is greater than 120 degrees.

11. (No Changes) A drywall butt joint system for attachment about a butt joint formed by adjacent drywall sheets, comprising:


a middle section comprised of a rectangular elongate structure having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said inner surface is positioned in opposition to said drywall sheets;

a first angled section and a second angled section extending from opposing edges of said middle section at an obtuse angle with respect to said inner surface, wherein said angled sections extend along an entire length of said middle section;

a first section and a second section extending from said angled sections respectively substantially parallel to said middle section, wherein said first section and said second section extend along an entire length of said angled sections; and

a first support and a second support attached to opposing outer edges of said first section and said second section respectively in a traverse manner, wherein said supports extend along an entire length of said first section and said second section.

12. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 11, wherein said middle section, said angled sections, said first section and said second section are comprised of a solid metal material.

 13. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 11, wherein said middle section, said angled sections, said first section and said second section are comprised of a solid plastic material.

14. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 11, wherein said middle section has a width of at least six inches.

15. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 11, wherein said angled sections each have a width of at least 0.5 inches.

16. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 11, wherein said supports each have a width of at least 0.5 inches.

17. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 11, wherein said first section and said second section are positioned a traverse distance of at least 0.5 inches.

18. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 11, wherein said middle section has a rectangular structure.

19. (No Changes) The drywall butt joint system of Claim 11, wherein said obtuse angle is greater than 120 degrees.

20. (Deleted)

**Please add the following claim:**

21. (Added) A drywall butt joint system for attachment about a butt joint formed by adjacent drywall sheets, comprising:

*As amended*  
a middle section comprised of a rectangular elongate structure having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said inner surface is positioned in opposition to said drywall sheets;

a first angled section and a second angled section extending from opposing edges of said middle section at an obtuse angle with respect to said inner surface, wherein said angled sections extend along an entire length of said middle section;

a first section and a second section extending from said angled sections respectively substantially parallel to said middle section, wherein said first section and said second section extend along an entire length of said angled sections; and

a first support and a second support attached to opposing outer edges of said first section and said second section respectively in a traverse manner, wherein said supports extend along an entire length of said first section and said second section;

wherein said middle section, said angled sections, said first section and said second section are comprised of a solid metal material;

wherein said middle section has a width of at least six inches;

wherein said angled sections each have a width of at least 0.5 inches;

wherein said supports each have a width of at least 0.5 inches;

wherein said first section and said second section are positioned a traverse distance of at least 0.5 inches;

- wherein said middle section has a rectangular structure; and

wherein said obtuse angle is greater than 120 degrees.

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